

BETHEL

Fire District Held Its Annual Meeting Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the fire district was held last evening, when the following officers were elected: S. M. Washburn, moderator; Guy Wilson, clerk and treasurer; Wallace Hatchelder, member of prudential committee for three years; W. R. Briggs, collector of taxes with commission of 2 per cent on collections; E. C. Blaisdell, chief engineer; L. H. Whitney, first assistant; J. P. Marsh, second assistant; Paul F. Wilson, third assistant. A tax of 25 cents was voted, which will extinguish a small indebtedness and cover all probable expenses for the ensuing year.

Joseph P. McCormack, who teaches in New York City, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCormack. Mr. and Mrs. John McCormack returned yesterday to Rouses Point, N. Y., where Mr. McCormack is principal of the high school.

John Allen, whose illness with pneumonia was noted in these columns recently, died yesterday morning after being sick about nine days. He had worked for his board at the home of Dr. O. D. Greene several years, attending Whitcomb high school until his graduation in 1914 and since that time working at the Washburn mills. He was reliable and ambitious and was well liked by everyone. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Allen and is also survived by two sisters, Katherine Allen of Randolph and Nellie, wife of Roy Washburn of this village, and by four brothers, Wallace of Providence, R. I., Willis of Lowell, Mass., Chesley and Henry of Royalton. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock at Dr. Greene's home. Rev. J. Wesley Miller officiating. The bearers will be Edwin H. McIntyre, Clide W. Southworth, Frederick Fairchild and Linus Edmunds. Interment will be at Cherry Hill cemetery.

It is proposed to try the experiment of holding a night school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week from 7 to 9 o'clock, beginning next week. Prin. H. W. Haskins has kindly consented to aid in launching the enterprise and it is expected that Miss Adell King will be the teacher. She is known to possess special qualifications for this work and to have it very much at heart. It is proposed to charge students a nominal fee of 10 cents a lesson or 25 cents for the week's three lessons. The school board will heat and light a room for the purpose. The chief aim of the night school will be to teach English to persons who are not as familiar with the language as they wish to be. Should there not be enough students to make up an interesting class the project would be abandoned, but it is expected that the interest shown will be sufficient to continue the work through the winter months, at least. All persons wishing to attend the school should come to the high school building next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

In connection with the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Martell, it is an interesting fact that the minister who married them, Rev. F. H. Roberts, then a pastor at Middlesex, is still living at Cabot.

Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman has presented to the public library a copy of the "Woman's Who's Who in America," a new publication.

Winfield Hackett began last evening to sell The Times on the street.

WASHINGTON

Golden Wedding Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Smith.

About 50 relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Smith Saturday evening, the purpose of the gathering being that Dec. 31, 1865, Daniel P. Smith and Julia A. Huntington were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, hence, 50 years after this ceremony occurred, it seemed fitting to assist this worthy couple to celebrate the event. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been lifelong residents of this town. There were born to them three children—two daughters and one son. Both daughters passed away at an early age, but the son, Ernest G., remains here and assists his aged parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are remarkably young looking and active for people of their ages, which are near the 75 mark. An original poem was read, also a poem of greeting and several letters from the far west, where reside relatives. A substantial sum of money was left them and a number of \$2.50 and \$5 gold pieces. Refreshments of doughnuts, cake and coffee were served and after watching the new year come in, the company separated, hoping to meet Mr. and Mrs. Smith on their 50th wedding anniversary, 25 years hence.

Rev. Ernest VanBlarcom is a welcome visitor in town. He occupied the pulpit at the Universalist church Sunday. Mr. VanBlarcom was pastor here four years. Nathan and Charles Flint have returned to Barre after a short visit with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard of Graniteville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patterson.

Mrs. L. Tillotson is improving.

RANDOLPH

Funeral of Melvin H. Miller Held Yesterday—Burial in Southview Cemetery.

The remains of Melvin H. Miller were brought here on Monday and taken to Bethany church, where short services were held, and interment was made in Southview cemetery. The funeral party consisted of Mr. Miller's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Emma McIntyre, a sister, who is now with her daughter in Burlington, Gen. C. P. Miller, a brother of the deceased from the latter city, Mrs. Guy Loudon, also of Burlington, Hugh Phillips of Montpelier and Mrs. Ernest Sargent of Woodsville, N. H. The bearers were V. I. Spear, J. B. Adams, O. R. Greene, H. W. Vail, L. A. Brigham and Harry Tilton, and Rev. Fraser Metzger officiated at the services. The party returned on the late afternoon train to their homes. Mrs. J. H. Williams, who has been Mr. Miller's nurse for the last fourteen weeks, also accompanied them here.

Miss Ethel Greene and Miss Ruth Jones have returned to Albany, N. Y., to complete their course of study at the business college.

Miss Myrtle Gifford left here Monday for Johnson, where she will take a course of training for teaching at the normal school.

Miss Arlene Ramrill, after passing a week in Boston with her aunt, Miss Minnie Emerson, returned on Sunday night.

Miss May K. Howe and her granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Rand, who have been in Leominster, Mass., during the holiday season, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dumas and children, who have been in town since Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dumas, have returned to their home in Montpelier.

Miss Ellen Blossom, after passing ten days with her mother, Mrs. George Hatch, has returned to resume teaching in Boston.

Miss Evelyn Denney, a teacher in Claremont, N. H., has been with Mrs. G. J. Prince for the last ten days.

Clarence Sault, who has been in the office of the Herald and News for the last ten or twelve years, has given his notice and will leave in the middle of January to go to Rochester to live on the farm with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins for an indefinite time. Mr. Sault makes this change for the benefit of his health.

Stanhope Brigham, who has been with relatives in Boston for several days, returned home on Monday to resume school.

SOUTH RANDOLPH

Some members of nearly every family in this place are ill with the prevailing distemper. Austin Marsh came to Will Camp's to work about two weeks ago and the next day came down with the distemper. Since then the whole family has been confined to their beds. Mrs. E. P. Rifford and children are under the care of a physician, also Mrs. Archie McPhetres.

The birthday parties met at Will Gifford's Thursday.

C. P. McPhetres, who broke his arm some time ago, is able to be about again, with his arm in a sling.

Arthur Smith and family, who have been for a week's visit at Manchester, N. H., returned Saturday night.

Andrew Camp, who has been visiting friends at Bethel, Randolph and Brattleboro, has returned to his son's, Will Camp.

Leon Camp, who has been spending her vacation at home, has gone back to her school at South Royalton.

Miss Chambers from North Randolph is at work at Earl Rifford's.

EAST RANDOLPH

Mrs. E. S. Hall and George Boswell are on the sick list.

Miss Ruth Sprague, who is a teacher in the graded school at Randolph, went back to her work Monday.

Ray Blaisdell and family have moved to the farm they recently purchased in Cambridge.

The Modern Woodmen held a meeting for the installation of officers Saturday evening, and also served a supper.

William Robbins continues about the same.

NORTH RANDOLPH

"Daddy," a comedy in three acts, will be given in grange hall, North Randolph, Friday evening, Jan. 7. Good orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Admission, 10c and 20c. Dancing, 50c per figure.—adv.

All in the Day's Work—

Whether you work with head or hands, what you earn will come from a multiplication of days' work. By life insurance you save a part of what you earn, if you live, and make certain all you might have earned if you do not live. National Life Ins. Co. of Va. (Mutual). S. S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto block, Montpelier, Vt.

PLAINFIELD

Ed Bond spent Friday in East Montpelier with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Myrick of Bridport are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George King.

Albert Moore of Windsor spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Cora Moore, at the home of Misses Jane and Abba Clark.

Dr. Hodgdon has recently had an Orange County telephone installed in his home. The number is 65-513.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gardner and daughter, Helen, have gone to Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gardner have taken charge of the Bancroft inn.

Mrs. Ora Moore and Miss Abba Clark have returned to Montpelier Tuesday.

Porter Perrin of Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., is spending the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. J. Newton Perrin.

Clayton Spencer of Barre visited his uncle, Eugene Cree, part of last week.

Prof. H. W. Heath of Lawrenceville, N. J., spent part of last week with his mother, Mrs. Martha Heath.

Mrs. Malcolm McCloud was in Barre and Montpelier Wednesday.

Ralph St. Cyr is confined to the house with an injured eye, caused by a nail which flew from a board and struck the eye.

W. S. Martin of Cambridge, Mass., is spending a few days at Woodlands.

Mrs. George Leavitt and son, Frank, have returned to their home in Cleveland, O.

Supervisor W. B. Lance was in Montpelier Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Laura Golden and Mrs. Mayo Wyman spent Wednesday in Montpelier.

Elvin Prescott visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prescott of East Montpelier on Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Heath visited in Barre and Montpelier Friday.

E. F. Leavitt returned from Boston Friday morning.

Harry Flood of Boston is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Flood.

Miss Minnie Townsend of Montpelier visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend Thursday.

Mrs. Carr of Marshfield visited Mrs. Roy Richards Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wright of Waitsfield visited E. E. Cree Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parks of Barre on Wednesday.

Rev. A. W. Hewitt was in Burlington part of last week.

Miss Evelyn Bruffee has been spending a few days in Barre with her cousin, Miss Jessie Kidder.

C. I. Perry went to Montpelier Saturday to visit her brother, Dean Hunt, who is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Minott of Montpelier visited at the home of C. I. Perry Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Colburn of Montpelier spent Saturday in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shorey and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lupine Saturday.

Miss Eva Persons of Calais spent Saturday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parks and son, Ryland, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parks of Barre last week.

Dr. Freeman has gone to Norwich, Conn. His many friends wish him success in his new home.

Schools in town opened Monday after a two week's recess.

Will Leavitt of Council Bluffs, Ia., spent Friday and Saturday with his brother, E. F. Leavitt.

The regular meeting of the Village Improvement society will be held with Mrs. T. H. Bartlett Thursday evening.

Election of officers and treasurer's report. All members are requested to be present. Those wishing to join the society are cordially invited.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the friends and relatives for the kindness during my illness, also for the purse of money given me.

Pliny Kiser, Plainfield.

MARSHFIELD

Mrs. Nancy Simpson, who has been spending several weeks with her brother, B. B. Nowes, left Thursday for her home in Barton.

Elmer Chubb and son of Hardwick were visitors in town last Wednesday.

Mrs. Flora Hall left Friday for Cabot, where she is to reside with her sister, Mrs. I. E. Woodard.

The band will give a masquerade promenade and dance Friday evening, Jan. 14.

Mrs. H. C. Hollister, who has been visiting her sister in Calais, returned home last week.

E. H. Taft has moved his family from the Sverdrup tenement to the house recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Hall.

The Village Improvement society will give the first whist party of the season in the Pythian lodge rooms next Friday evening, Jan. 7, at the usual prices. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone. Come early, as the numbers will be drawn promptly at 5 p. m.

News was received recently of the death of J. H. Breen, a former resident, who was living with a brother in California.

Schools in town opened Monday after the two week's vacation through the holidays.

A. A. Lyndes and family wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the gifts and kindness shown them during their recent severe illness, all the favors received being deeply appreciated.

Miss Grace Wooster left Saturday for Waterbury, Conn., to resume her position as teacher in a business college there.

Remember that the public library will be closed all day Saturday, Jan. 8.

Kingston Chapin left Monday to resume his studies at the Randolph Agricultural school.

Miss Crockett of Ohio has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. H. Collins, recently.

Paul Pitkin, who has been spending a couple of weeks with his parents, returned Monday to his work in Middlebury college.

Miss Sadie Huntington returned Saturday after spending the holiday vacation with her parents in Iraaburg.

The ladies will meet at the church Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting. Supper will be served at 5:45 and everybody in any way interested in the church, aiding by attendance, work or money, is invited to be present. Each may bring a contribution to the supper that which is most convenient, without further soliciting. The supper is free and no money will be asked for at this time. The aim is simply to come together in a social way as a parish. It is hoped that all will remain to the annual business meeting at 1 p. m. that together we may review the past year's work and plan for 1916.

WATERBURY

Installation of Grange Officers Was Held Saturday Evening.

The installation supper of Dillingham grange was held in the Knights of Pythias hall Saturday evening. Following this the following officers were installed by Past Master E. C. Hillman: Master, Philip Shonio; overseer, Fred Ravellin; lecturer, Mrs. Edward Goodheart; chaplain, Mrs. D. D. Dewitt; steward, Mark Eastman; secretary, Miss Daisy Haseltine; treasurer, Mrs. Emma West; gatekeeper, Ray Davis; assistant steward, Willis Breen; Ceres, Mrs. Philip Shonio; Pomona, Mrs. Ray Davis; Flora, Miss Elsie De Witt; lady assistant steward, Miss Gertrude Miller. It was voted to hold a social next Saturday evening at the home of Philip Shonio. This will take the form of a leap year box party, each gentleman furnishing a box to be bid off by a lady auctioneer. Conveyance will be furnished by E. T. O'Brien for those who haven't teams.

The following officers of Iroquois camp, No. 1343, Modern Woodmen of America, were recently elected, the installation to take place on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11. The regular meetings of this society are held the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. Venerable consul, W. F. Shontell; past consul, E. C. Harvey; worthy adviser, Raymond D. Buzzell; banker, L. H. Smith; clerk, R. A. Lavelle; escort, W. J. Hamel; watchman, William Coash; entry, William Collins; trustee for three years, William Collins.

Frank Perry has returned from Stoneham, Mass., and resumed work for the Drew Granite company.

Burman Hart is visiting in Randolph.

The Consolidated Lighting company is making arrangements to furnish electricity for the farm buildings of the Keefe brothers on Perry hill.

Mrs. Greta Perkins Evans returned Sunday to her school in Warren.

The Needlecraft club is to have a social gathering and Christmas tree with Mrs. E. E. Campbell Wednesday afternoon.

Stanley Buzzell of Waitsfield and Miss Flora Heyer of St. Albans were in town Sunday.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the ladies' society of the Congregational church will be held with Mrs. L. H. Elliot Wednesday afternoon. Miss Etta Graves has charge of the program.

The mending club had an enjoyable afternoon Saturday at the home of Mrs. Edward Chesky. A tree contained a gift for each, also the food for refreshments, contributed by each member. The annual meeting of this club will be held with Mrs. Edward Goodheart Thursday, Jan. 13, when officers will be elected.

Miss Vera Fisher of Colorado has been a guest of Miss Mary Gupit, her Wellesley college friend. Miss Gupit has returned to Waitsfield, where her mother, Mrs. Florence Gupit, is remaining with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Jones.

Both services at St. Andrew's church on New Year's day were very well attended and Sunday 300 assembled at the morning service.

Clarence Bailey, who has been with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Douglass, has returned to his home in St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Douglass' sister and sons, Mrs. Lee Morgan Wheeler and Homer of Burlington, were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglass over Sunday.

News of the serious illness from pneumonia of Luther Davis in a hospital at Providence, R. I., has been received. His brother-in-law, William Douglass, is with him.

A delightful watch-night party was given at Bonafortin farm Friday evening. Miss Kathleen LeBaron being the hostess. Progressive 500 was played. Miss Barbara Brown winning first prize and Paul Wallace the booby. For partners for supper, the boys acted out New Year's resolutions, the girls guessing the same. After supper dancing was enjoyed and the advent of leap year noticed by the girls choosing the partners. The party broke up after the new year had been ushered in for two or three hours, all enthusiastic over the hospitality of the LeBaron home. Guests from out of town were Lyman Whitcomb of Barre and Miss Elva Townsend of East Montpelier.

HARDWICK

Eugene Smith is in Boston this week on business.

Hardwick academy and graded school opened Tuesday after a recess of two weeks.

Miss Bertha Coventry returned Monday from Burlington, where she passed her vacation.

Mrs. J. C. Spaulding spent the Christmas vacation in New York.

Richard Jerome returned to Montpelier Monday after passing a few days with friends here.

Miss Rita Beckley passed the Christmas vacation at her home in Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riendeau recently visited their daughter, Mrs. Charles McEllen, in Morrisville.

J. Leo Johnson was unable to be at work in the McCloud Co. store last week on account of illness.

Miss Hazel Cobb returned Tuesday to the Bryant & Stratton business college.

Misses Alice and Martha Tyndall of Hyde Park visit their cousin, Mrs. J. J. Dillon, Friday.

E. H. Clowes has returned to his school in Richmond.

The Hardwick academy basketball team went to Craftsbury Friday night to play Craftsbury academy. Hardwick won with a score of 20 to 11. Next Friday night the team goes to Barre to play Spaulding high school.

Mrs. Fred Bilodeau and daughter, Janette, returned the first of the week from Boston, where they spent New Year's with Mrs. Bilodeau's parents.

Misses Alma Holton, Frances Dutton, Esther Angell, Mabel Wilson, Corilla White and E. Fairman Craine, Harold Batchelder, Alfred Blackall and George Rodehorst returned Tuesday to the University of Vermont.

C. A. Page is seriously ill.

Roy Wark has returned to Goddard seminary and Misses Helen O'Malley, Ellen Gallagher, Annie Mulligan of Hardwick and Misses Olive Goodell, Agnes Tassie and Lila Tibbatts of Woodbury returned to Johnson Normal school Monday.

Miss Leona Morey, who passed the Christmas vacation at her home in Craftsbury, returned Monday to attend school at the academy.

Misses Frances Garland and Dora Gallagher of Burlington were guests at Renfrew Gallagher's over New Year's.

GRANITEVILLE.

Regular meeting of Robert Emmet court, No. 564, Jan. 4. Installation of officers. All members are requested to be present. For order, J. M. Dugan.

CHELSEA

Paul Allen of Barnard was a recent guest at the home of his uncle, Harry F. Bryant.

F. E. Ransom of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town for Christmas as the guest of his father, Herbert E. Ransom, who resides on the east hill.

Among those who have been recent victims of the grip are Fred A. Ordway and Mrs. Ordway, Chester M. Davis, Elmer E. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprague, Ben A. Goodrich, Edward B. Hatch and Walter H. Emery.

Principal Carl D. Grupe returned Saturday from Willshoro, N. Y., where he had been a guest of his parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, who have been spending several weeks at their home here, have returned to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Sanborn and three children and Mrs. Sanborn's mother, Mrs. Flanders, are seriously ill with the prevailing distemper, and under the doctor's care.

Miss Mary A. Darling went Saturday to Montpelier, where she will enter Montpelier seminary for a course of study, and Mrs. Darling and two sons left for Barre City, where they join Lieutenant Governor Darling, and the family will board at Hotel Barre during the winter, and the two sons, Joseph K. and Lawrence will attend the city schools. It is expected that their house here will be occupied by Dr. and Mrs. William H. Cook.

John Flanders left last week for Newport, N. H., where he will be employed in a logging ship during the winter.

Millard F. George has entered the employ of Archie F. Sanborn as clerk during the winter.

Mrs. Charles A. Denmore went recently to Lowell, Mass., to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davis returned last week from a several days' visit to friends in Lowell, Mass., and vicinity, and during their absence from home their farm stock was cared for by William W. Braman.

There are four cases of scarlet fever in the family of Robert A. Lyon, who resides on the east hill, but as they know the source from which they contracted it and it coming in vacation, it is not expected that there will be any further outbreak of the disease.

Mrs. L. J. Harper of Ashland, N. H., came recently for a visit to her brother and sister, C. C. Scales and Miss Mary Scales, respectively.

Frank C. Dickinson was a guest of friends over New Year's and the week end and returned to his work in Montpelier the first of the week.

O. Fay Allen, who recently sold his interest in the Allen-Sanborn Co. store, is assisting W. J. Underhill, proprietor of the Chelsea job press.

John W. Sprague returned to Northfield last week Thursday, after spending a week at the home of his parents, and Vinton A. Corwin returned Saturday evening from Boston, where he had been spending his vacation with relatives and friends.

Harry R. Wishart was a recent guest for a few days of his mother at her home in Barre City.

Miss Nora E. Taylor and Miss Sylvia Comstock of Randolph and Miss Ethel-ynde Sargent of Springfield were recent guests of relatives in town.

Chelsea grange, which has occupied F. A. Ordway's hall in the Tarbell block for several years, has rented the second and third stories in Henry F. Gates' block and moved to their new quarters last week.

Many of our farmers improved the good sledding last week and a large number of logs were delivered at the mills in town.

Burt Sargent has returned from northern New York, where he had been working since early fall, and is working for E. O. Matteson.

Gerald A. Bixby, who has been the guest of his father, Frank E. Bixby, for the past two weeks, left Monday for Northfield to resume his studies in Northfield university, in which institution he is a sophomore.

At a special communication of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., held last Thursday evening, there was a good attendance to witness the work of the M. M. degree. At the next regular communication, which will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 20, the annual election of officers will take place and at this meeting it is important that every member of the lodge should make an effort to be present.

Special union prayer meetings will be held alternating between the two churches here this week, commencing at the Congregational church on Monday evening, the general public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The Chelsea orchestra played at a New Year's hall at Vershire on Friday evening, and it furnished music at a New Year's hall here on Saturday evening.

George F. Flint, clerk in the postoffice, spent Sunday in Washington as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Flint.

While working with a sawing machine, Fred Hayward had the misfortune one day last week to break his arm. Dr. Corwin was called and the fracture reduced.

EAST ORANGE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson were in Washington Friday to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith.

Miss Una Bohanon has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bohanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bohanon of Washington visited her brother, Charles Dow, recently.

Miss Ethel Hamilton has returned to her school in Massachusetts after spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hamilton.

Mrs. Archie Button went to Heaton hospital, Montpelier, Wednesday, and expected to have an operation the first of this week. Her husband accompanied her there. Her many friends wish for her a successful operation and speedy recovery